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Receipt of your letter of 1 February is acknowledged and I think things are working out satisfactorily. Our man was most pleased with the first information he had from Mr. [redacted] and has made arrangements to see Mr. [redacted] again to continue with the story.

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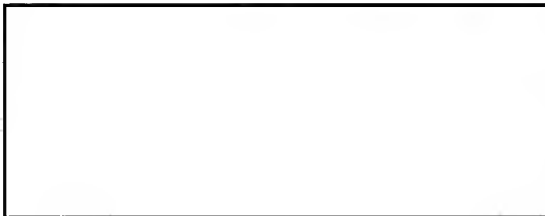
Your information about the grape vine of "staying away from Central Intelligence" is very interesting. If you do not feel you are violating any confidence, I wish you would tell me from whom such report emanated.

I should imagine after the State Department receives your letter that you will get a passport without any difficulty. If you should come through Washington, I should be very glad to see you.

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Thank you again for your interest in us and, with best wishes, believe me,

Sincerely,



/s/
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Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

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Basic continued: Most interesting straw-in-the-wind to me right now, because of this correspondence with you, is the word that is being passed along through inter-service ~~departments~~ grapevine to "Stay away from Central Intel; it is full of dynamite". Now what means or may mean is not clear to me. I picked it up from former OSS sources last week. The inference someone is trying to put over seems to be that some sort of an investigation is looming.

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